## HL3042 Gothic Literature

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This course explores the main themes and characteristics of Gothic literature, as well as the cultural and historical contexts of its development.

Seminar schedule (subject to minor changes)

| Week 1  | Introduction to Gothic literature                                 |
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| Week 2  | Horace Walpole, The Castle of Otranto (1746)                      |
| Week 3  | Ann Radcliffe, The Mysteries of Udolpho (1794), selected chapters |
| Week 4  | Matthew Lewis, The Monk (1796)                                    |
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| Week 6  | Mary Shelley, Frankenstein (1818)                                 |
| Week 7  | Edgar Allan Poe, 'The Fall of the House of Usher' (1839)          |
| Week 8  | Oscar Wilde, The Picture of Dorian Gray (1890)                    |
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| Week 10 | Bram Stoker, <i>Dracula</i> (1897)                                |
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| Week 12 | H. P. Lovecraft, 'The Shadow over Innsmouth' (1936)               |
| Week 13 | Course revision   |

## Core texts

Bram Stoker. Dracula. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Horace Walpole, William Beckford, Matthew Lewis, Mary Shelley. Four Gothic Novels: The Castle of Otranto; Vathek; The Monk; Frankenstein. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994.

Oscar Wilde. The Picture of Dorian Gray. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.

All other course texts will be made available on Blackboard.

## Assessment

Class participation: 15% Essay (2500 words): 35%

2.5-hour written examination: 50%

Please note that Generative AI cannot be used for assignments on this course.

## Course co-ordinator

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